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Applicant(s): Friedrich *et al*

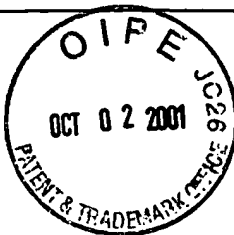
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Filed: October 4, 2000

Title: Novel Mutated Mammalian Cells and Animals

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney Docket No.: LEX-0051-USA



**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted" ostensibly mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents to complete the filing requirements of the above-identified application:

1. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
2. Return copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted.

Applicants also submit herewith the following document for the above-identified application:

3. Petition for Extension of Time of four months;

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| 2. Surcharge Fee for filing declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application per 37 CFR 1.492(e) | \$130.00 |

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3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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During a routine check of our (Applicant's representative's) patent files, it was discovered that we had not yet received a filing receipt for the above-identified application. We then contacted the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on September 5, 2001 to inquire about the status of the application. Upon speaking with a USPTO representative, we were informed that USPTO records indicate that a filing receipt was mailed on August 2, 2001 (which we have not yet received), and, more to our consternation, that a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (the "Notice") had apparently been mailed by the USPTO on April 2, 2001. To date, we have not received the mailed Notice, and we finally received a faxed version of the Notice on September 10, 2001 after making a second request to a USPTO representative (a Mr. Preston Wallace). At the time, Mr. Wallace indicated that the USPTO would be generating a new Missing Parts notice and send it to us. We have not yet received the new Missing Parts notice, and given the past difficulties in receiving USPTO correspondence relating to this file (which is not a problem with several hundred other files we presently have pending in the USPTO) coupled with events of the following day (September 11, 2001), this should not be unduly surprising. Just in case the above-mentioned new Missing Parts notice has not yet been generated and mailed to Applicants, we are responding to the Notice that we first received on September 10, 2001.

One potentially complicating matter is that one of the inventors of the above-identified application (Glenn Friedrich) left the country and has made multiple moves since ending employment with the Assignee of the above-identified application. Because of late receipt of the Notice (we typically docket sending out formal documents for signature on the date of receipt of the notice to file missing parts), we have not yet been able to ascertain Mr. Friedrich's current whereabouts and have thus far been unable to secure his executed declaration. Given that we do not presently have reason to believe that Mr. Friedrich is deceased and/or have not heard that he is unwilling to cooperate with our efforts on his behalf, we are sending those executed formal documents presently in our possession in a bona fide attempt respond to the Notice.

Subject to the foregoing explanations, the documents submitted herewith complete the filing of the above patent application. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

October 2, 2001
Date

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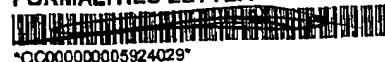
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

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
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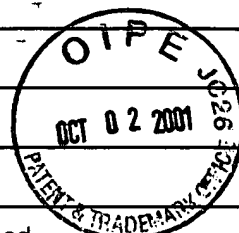
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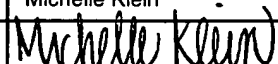


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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Date	October 2, 2001

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as express mail, Express Mail No. EL747066233US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date:			
		October 2, 2001	
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